



U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge

# Pardon Our Noise!

## *Intermittent Closures of Woodland Trail*

**May 1, 2016**

In December of 2015, a USDA Forest Service health evaluation confirmed a heavy infestation of southern pine beetles on the refuge. Various locations along the Woodland Trail were dramatically impacted by this increased activity in 2015. This presented an opportunity to relocate the South Pony Corral to a more desirable area without cutting any living trees. In early May, a contractor will be cutting trees along the Woodland Trail, some of which will be left on-site, while others will be removed.

For your safety, there may be partial closures until the end of May. Hazardous conditions such as falling branches could exist in high winds and periods of low humidity with dry conditions are favorable to forest fires. Please proceed with caution. You may hear loud noises such as heavy equipment and chainsaw cutting near the Woodland Trail. We apologize for the inconvenience of the closures. Please bear with us and enjoy your exploration of the rest of the refuge.

